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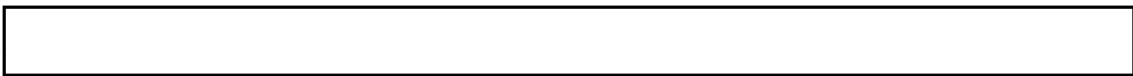


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*South Vietnam: The Diem regime apparently has backed away from an open confrontation with organized labor in South Vietnam.

Dam Sy Hien, a major trade union figure, was released from prison early this morning. Hien, secretly arrested on 7 October, is vice president of South Vietnam's leading union, the General Confederation of Vietnamese Labor (CVTC). Tran Quoc Buu, CVTC president, had demanded Hien's release by 17 October.

Buu told the US Embassy that Hien's arrest, although linked to the disappearance of a son who had participated in a student demonstration, was obviously staged to intimidate organized labor. Buu had threatened to shut down the CVTC headquarters, suspend union activity throughout the country, and join Hien in jail if the CVTC vice president was not released. Although Buu claimed he would not encourage labor protest strikes in such a contingency, he recently noted that an underground Buddhist organization was urging a general strike, and he has characterized workers as increasingly restive.

Although Buu until now has maintained good relations with Diem and Nhu, even issuing at their request a mild statement of support for their Buddhist policy, he has long been privately critical of the regime.

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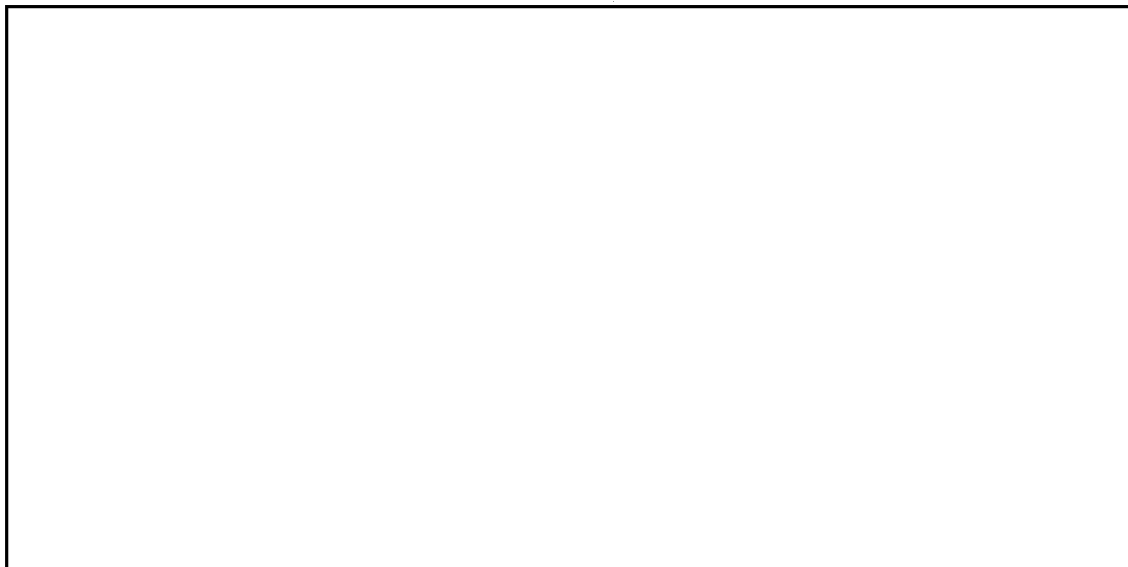
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Burma: The Ne Win government and the pro-Peiping Burma Communist Party (BCP) reportedly have agreed on terms for entering into advanced talks aimed at ending the party's long-time insurgency. Ne Win, [redacted] [redacted] has agreed to legalize the BCP, to publicize final negotiations with the party, and to guarantee the security of its leader, Thakin Than Tun, in these talks which probably will be long drawn out. The BCP, possibly with Rangoon's concurrence, apparently aims to conclude a broad settlement which would extend to the National Democratic United Front --a BCP-dominated leftist coalition which includes ethnic minority elements. [redacted]

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Turkey: The Inonu government has indicated that it will extend martial law for two additional months, presumably because of continuing unsettled political conditions. This will be the third extension since the abortive military coup of last May. Regional and local elections scheduled for 17 November may now be postponed.

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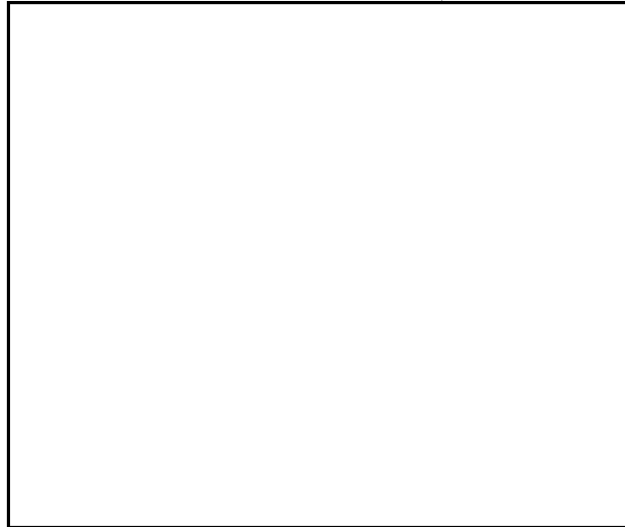
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